

DIAZ, HERO OF ITALY, IS HERE TO-MORROW

Highest Honors Wait General Who Hurlled Back Austrian Hosts.

WELCOME BY NATION

50,000 Italians Will Assemble at Battery to Greet War Genius.

OTHER GENERALS COMING

Foch, Beatty and Jacques Will Visit Country in Next Fortnight.

The coming of Gen. Armando Vittorio Diaz, general of the armies of Italy, aboard the steamship Giuseppe Verdi to-morrow morning will inaugurate a series of interesting and colorful official ceremonies in honor of military chiefs who contributed greatly to the defeat of Germany and Austria. John F. Sinnott, secretary to the Mayor, announced yesterday that plans have been made to welcome suitably Gen. Diaz, Gen. Jacques, chief of staff of the Belgian forces during the war; Lord Beatty, ranking officer of the British naval forces; and Marshal Foch, commander-in-chief of the allied armies.

The arrival of Gen. Diaz to-morrow will be followed by the arrival of Lord Beatty on October 22, of Marshal Foch on October 29 and of Gen. Jacques on October 30. The British sea captain, victor of the Dogger Banks and commander of the battle cruiser forces in the battle of Jutland, is coming on the Aquitania, which is expected next Saturday. Marshal Foch will be a passenger on the Paris, which is due a week from next Saturday, and the Belgian commander will come aboard the Lapland, due here the following day.

The ceremonies of reception will be similar. The Federal Government, the State, the city of New York, the American Legion and various societies and organizations will cooperate in paying every honor to these men whose names are now historical. To-morrow morning Gen. Diaz will be met down the bay by the army boat Lexington, carrying Major-Gen. Robert L. Bullard, Rear Admiral Vogelgesang, Lieut.-Col. De Tancze Koutzke of the American Legion and other special representatives, and several boats will carry members of the Mayor's committee. Destroyers and hydro-airplanes will meet the Verdi at Sandy Hook. After the various delegations formally welcome Gen. Diaz on board the Verdi the General will go aboard the Lexington, which will bring him to pier A at the Battery, the same landing place where Marshal Joffre, former Premier Viviani and Arthur J. Balfour were met in the days of the war. The pier will be decorated with Italian and American flags for this occasion, and the Mayor requested all citizens yesterday to display the colors of the two nations.

Diaz to Make an Address.

From pier A Gen. Diaz will be escorted by 250 mounted policemen to the City Hall, where Gov. Miller and Mayor Hylan will receive him on behalf of State and city about noon, according to the tentative schedule, and where the General will make an address. Thereupon he will be escorted to his headquarters in the Ritz-Carlton by way of Lafayette street, Ninth street, Fifth avenue and Forty-sixth street.

Perhaps 50,000 Italians are expected to assemble at the Battery to-morrow morning to pay honor to the hero of their nation and race, the soldier who stopped the Austrian advance after the Caporetto retreat and in the nick of time for the cause of the Allies. Immense interest is being taken by the 700,000 Italian residents of New York in the visit of the General. Senator Salvatore Cotillo is chairman of the Italian organizations which will pay special honor to this member of the big four of the military commanders of the war. On November 4 in St. Patrick's Cathedral a high requiem mass will be said for the soul of Italy's unknown soldier at Gen. Diaz's request. Gen. Diaz is in his sixtieth year, having been born in Naples on December 6, 1861. His military service began when he was commissioned second lieutenant of artillery in 1882. When the war with Turkey came on Diaz was in command of a regiment of infantry and fought in Tripolitania against the Turkish forces. He was severely wounded in 1911. Two years later he was chief of bureau of the General Staff Corps, and in October, 1914, he became a major-general, commanding the Siena brigade and subsequently attached to the General Staff.

In May, 1915, when Italy declared war, he was at the front. A year later he was a lieutenant-general. Constantly displaying military genius of unusual order, he took command of the Thirtieth Corps in October, 1917, and in the following month he became Chief of Staff of the Italian army. Since then he has commanded the forces of his country as a full General.

Hurlled Back Austrians.

He was called to the responsibilities of Commander-in-Chief in one of the greatest crises any nation ever faced. The defeat Italy had suffered at Caporetto had discouraged many of his countrymen and had caused great depression among the allies of Italy. Diaz, taking hold with a firm and confident hand, provided such organization and such inspiration that the Italians not only stopped the Austrian Marshal Borel, but hurled the Austrians backward over the Piave with enormous losses. The consequences of the Austrian defeat at the Piave were immense. It shattered Austrian morale. Germany perceived that Austria could no longer be counted upon for help. Ludendorff aid of the rout at the Piave that "it deeply saddened and disturbed the German High Command." And it was Diaz, in November 4, 1918, who informed the world in a communique of classic clearness and eloquence that Austria had surrendered.

Of Diaz's personality it has been written that, although he is not tall, his figure stands out as particularly soldierly. He is an untiring worker who expected more from his soldiers than he was willing to perform himself. He is a man of few words, stern in the performance of duty, rarely smiling, but his soldiers, although fearing him, are said to love him because he knew how to soften the power of look or word with a kind expression or a pleasant smile.

WANTS PLAZA NAMED FOR COL. ROOSEVELT

Alderman Falconer to Introduce Resolution To-day.

Alderman Bruce M. Falconer will introduce in the Board of Aldermen to-day a resolution to change the name of the plaza at Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street to Roosevelt Plaza, or Roosevelt Square, he said yesterday. That resolution will make the third suggestion for honoring the name of the late Theodore Roosevelt. The movement to name some public park or square in this city after Col. Roosevelt started last spring when Alderman Louis F. Cardani introduced a resolution to change the name of Herald Square to Bennett Square in honor of the founder of The New York Herald. Mayor Hylan then sent a communication to the Board of Aldermen suggesting that instead of Bennett Square the name of Roosevelt be substituted. Subsequently a resolution was introduced to change the name of Manhattan Park—really a part of Central Park just south of the Metropolitan Museum of Art—to Roosevelt Park.

MRS. E. M. PHELPS GETS HER STOLEN DIAMONDS

Conscience Stricken Youth Returns Them.

A youth whose conscience troubled him, it was learned yesterday, returned to Mrs. Edith M. Phelps of 245 West Seventy-fourth street a diamond lavaliere worth \$2,000 and to Miss Clara F. Shrope of the same address \$150 in cash, which had been stolen from a stalled automobile near Lake Mahopac. At Carmel Judge Ganong released in \$500 bail each Samuel Lemkin of 354 Madison street, Manhattan, and Samuel Fisher of 172 South Eighth street, Brooklyn, held to the Putnam County Grand Jury for the alleged theft. Lemkin and Fisher, it was testified at the hearing, said they had taken the money and jewelry, and not realizing the value of the lavaliere had given it to a third youth. Shortly after they arrested an unidentified man left a package containing the money and jewelry at Mrs. Phelps's door. The two women notified the authorities, it was said, they did not care to prosecute.

FIND WOMAN IN ROAD AFTER RIDE WITH MAN

Police of Yonkers were trying last night to locate relatives of a woman who said she was Mrs. Laura C. Schneider, 25, of 610 West 129th street, and who was found unconscious on Warburton avenue. Inquiry at the 139th street address showed no one of the name was known there. When the woman was found the police were notified and she was taken to St. John's Riverside Hospital. There she recovered consciousness long enough to say she had been motoring with a man and that they had eaten luncheon at a restaurant in Hastings on Hudson. She remembered getting into the machine again, but had no recollection of getting out. She was well dressed and wore costly jewelry.

FEAR OF FAILURE BARS YOUTH FROM MINISTRY

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 17.—The reason young men are not entering the ministry in larger numbers is not lack of sufficient compensation but because they fear failure, which they believe would be disastrous, the New Jersey Synod of the Presbyterian Church was told to-day by the Rev. John F. Paterson of the Central Presbyterian Church, Orange. He cited the case of one man who had pointed out he could go into Y. M. C. A. work and withdraw after a year's trial. The Rev. Cordie J. Kulp, D. D., of the First Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, pleaded for a "more catchy method" of preparing church pamphlets and periodicals. He said it was as important to have the facts of the church presented in engaging style as it is for secular publications.

ASKS OF CONGRESS NO FUND FOR CANAL

Gov. Miller Declares New York Merely Wants Harbor Improved.

BENEFIT TO THE WEST

Says Commerce of Nation Could Be Handled on Water Front.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau. Albany, Oct. 17.

Gov. Miller to-night told the Representatives in Congress and prominent shippers, who left New York this morning for an inspection of the State's waterways, that the State asks merely for a greater use of its barge canal. He said the State sought no money from the Federal Government for the waterways upon which it already has spent millions of dollars, but that it wanted them to be used to their capacity.

He gave the assurance to investors who might seek to put money in the barge canal shipping business that there was no uncertainty now as to the State's policy in the conduct of the canal. He said the State guarantees to maintain it at the 12 foot depth which it has agreed to.

The Governor said the State wanted no money either for its waterways or their terminals from the Government, but that it did ask the Government to deepen natural waterways and make needed improvements in New York Harbor.

"The fact is," he said, "that a survey of the Port of New York shows that with a proper development there is water front enough to handle the commerce of the entire nation, and irrespective of the question of the barge canal the great commerce from the West which comes through this section by rail is just as much interested in the improvement of the Port of New York for the commerce of the entire nation, as they are so far as it may be related to the barge canal."

"I wish you could have gone over to Giovanni and there have seen the grain elevator which the State is constructing, not to handle any grain produced in the State of New York. It will only be used, of course, for export grain from the West. There you would have seen a 2,000,000 bushel elevator in process of erection. It will be completed by next spring and ready for use. The State will not ask one penny of toll for the use of the canal or for the use of that great terminal facility to provide means of putting grain from the West on the ships to cross the sea."

BROKER IS DIVORCED BY FELTON'S DAUGHTER

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—A divorce was granted to-day by Judge George Fred Rush to Dorothy Felton Counselman from Charles Counselman, president of the \$10,000,000 investment bond house of that name. Drunkenness was charged. Mrs. Counselman also charged "extreme and repeated cruelty." She is the daughter of Samuel Morse Felton, president of the Chicago Great Western Railroad. The divorce bill is one of the shortest on record. It merely related that the Counselmans were married January 11, 1906, and that since that time he has been guilty of acts of extreme cruelty. No alimony was stipulated in the decree, but, according to Mrs. Counselman's attorney, Ralph Shaw, a satisfactory settlement was made outside of court. Mrs. Counselman was awarded the custody of their two-year-old daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth.

LEO LETS LAURA OFF TO RUN FOR SHERIFF

Charges Against Deputy to Go Over for Forty Days.

Michael Laura, Deputy Commissioner of Street Cleaning and Democratic candidate for Sheriff of Kings county, whom Commissioner John P. Leo suspended last week for an alleged attempt to influence a court, yesterday received forty days leave without pay, it was announced at the department's offices.

Commissioner Leo said the leave was granted on Mr. Laura's own application, as the latter wanted to devote all his time to his campaign between now and election.

Mr. Laura's suspension followed information to the Commissioner that Laura's name had been used in an attempt to exert influence in behalf of Philip McManus, an official of the Street Cleaners Protective Union. McManus was charged before Magistrate Liota in Brooklyn with feloniously assaulting Michael Keleher, an employee of the Street Cleaning Department.

Commissioner Leo and the District Attorney of Kings county investigated the allegations. It was reported that the District Attorney was not greatly impressed and that it was probable the Commissioner would let the matter drop and reinstate his deputy. Commissioner Leo has asked Mr. Laura to report on the incident at the end of his leave. It was said the Commissioner would take no action pending receipt of that report.

THEATRE ROBBED OF \$2,000.

Night Watchman Bound Five Hours Before Discovery.

STRAUSE, Oct. 17.—After binding and gagging Nicholas A. Marte, night watchman, armed robbers early this morning rifled the safe of the Strand Theatre and made away with \$2,000. Marte was found this morning at 10 o'clock by a mail carrier who entered the theatre office to deliver mail. He had been bound and gagged for more than five hours, he explained, and was on the verge of exhaustion.

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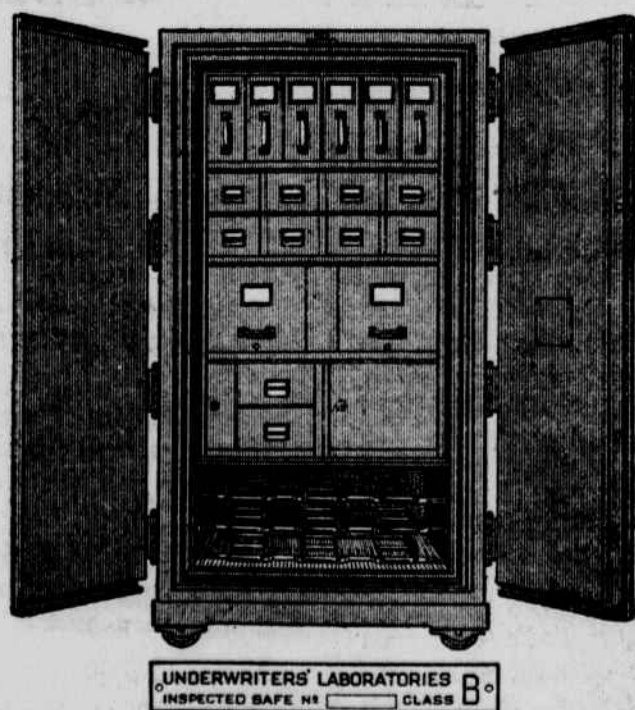


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